

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SURFACE DECONTAMINATION OF FRANKFURTERS AND OTHER COOKED SAUSAGE AND PROCESSED MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Not applicable

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

U.S. Provisional Application
Serial No. 60/143,892, filed July 14, 1999

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Not applicable

We hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT

Whereas we, James L. Marsden of 1300 Sharingbrook, City of Manhattan, County of Riley, and State of Kansas 66503; Eric W. Krieger of 9310 Angelina Circle, City of Mentor, County of Lake, and State of Ohio 44060; Lewis I. Schwartz of 2699 Wicklow, City of Shaker Heights, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio 44120; Alan J. Greszler of 10150 East River Road, City of Elyria, County of Lorain, and State of Ohio 44035; and Bill R. Sanford of 4745 Sherwin Road, City of Willoughby, County of Lake, and State of Ohio 44094, having invented certain new and useful improvements in:

**SURFACE DECONTAMINATION OF FRANKFURTERS AND OTHER COOKED
SAUSAGE AND PROCESSED MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS**

for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States, do hereby, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, sell, assign, and transfer unto STERIS INC. a Delaware corporation, having a principal place of business at:

43425 Business Park Drive
Temecula, CA 92590

the full and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in all foreign countries with all rights under the International Convention including the right to claim priority, and the entire and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, and extensions thereof.

We therefore authorize and request the Patent Office officials in the United States and in any and all foreign countries to issue any and all Letters Patent when granted, solely to the said

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for its sole use, and that of its successors, and assigns.

Signed at _____, on this _____ day
of _____, 2000.

James L. Marsden

Eric W. Krieger

Lewis I. Schwartz

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Bill R. Sanford

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COUNTY OF)

Personally appeared before me this day, the above named James L. Marsden, Eric W. Krieger, Lewis I. Schwartz, Alan J. Greszler, and Bill R. Sanford to me personally known, who acknowledged that they signed the foregoing instrument for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and that the same is their free act and deed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this _____ day of _____, 2000.

Notary Public

(Seal)